

## Bloomberg to ask mayors to ditch their bottled water

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NEW YORK — Mayor Michael Bloomberg, a vocal advocate of tap water, is scheduled this weekend to ask mayors from around the country to prohibit spending taxpayer money on bottled water for use in government offices, according to a June 18 *Daily News* [report](#).

Bloomberg will co-sponsor a resolution to prohibit city spending on bottled water during the US Conference of Mayors event in Miami.

The *Daily News* reports that City Council, which in August approved a \$3 million, three-year contract with Nestlé Waters North America for bottled water delivery and cooler rentals, now has stopped buying bottled water. Instead, it is opting to install point-of-use coolers.

The Conference of Mayors event also is expected to draw anti-bottled water activists, such as non-profit consumer advocacy group Corporate Accountability International (CAI), which will be promoting its Think Outside the Bottle Campaign, according to a June 19 [report](#) in *The Miami Herald*.